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resolution, and difficult to make out details. I'm reading it on a retina iPad, and many of the dimensions are difficult to make out (particularly the fractional portion of a dimension). If the authors or publisher read this, please issue an update with useable images in it. Until such a time as an update is made, do not buy the kindle version if you care about making the projects. A note about two of the projects: The Glastonbury chair is excellent and very comfortable. Worth the effort to make. They are always the first chairs return visitors grab. The 15th century bench looks good, but is totally impractical. The design has a few serious flaws in it (not the author's fault). The primary one being that the straight legs make it unstable, and easy to tip over. The new bench has splayed legs, and will probably be a significant improvement in terms of usability. 14 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Overall good and worth getting, but disappointing in content. By Charles Gadda Basically it is in the same vein as the first two books, which I have written quite positively about in the past. My beef with this volume is that it only features nine new projects, and rehashes most (but not all) of the projects in the first two books. Well, I don't *need* to see the projects from the previous books, since I *have* those books already. But I can't simply get rid of the previous volumes, because there are a few projects that did not get included in this present volume under review. So now I have one additional volume, that only adds nine new projects but is equal to the size of the previous two volumes combined and is now taking up that much more space on my shelves. ARRGGGGGHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!WHAT. POSSESSED. THEM. TO. DO. THIS? I do not know. It is a grave disappointment - it is even a regression in quality as it lacks the colour plates of the second book in the series. I would much, much, much, MUCH rather had one of the following: A) Simply a new volume like the previous two with 9 (or, preferably more) projects OR B) A second edition with 9 new projects plus ALL of the previous projects from the first two books, preferably with additional notes, pictures of the originals, background material, etc. This book as released is quite simply the worst of both worlds, and thus disappointing. Yes, it is still worth getting for the new projects (though, really, there is so much more that could be covered. Renaissance strong boxes, the kind of iron construction, frequently etched and elaborately decorated, with the complex locking mechanisms built into the lid, are one of many examples of projects I wish they had included) but it is irritating to those who already have the first two books to have so much repeated material. For those who do not have the first two books, I suppose it is an easier choice: just get this volume and be done with it. Only track down the first two books if there are particular must have projects within that you can't get otherwise. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. ... other medieval furniture making books because it was reviewed better and seemed to contain all of the medieval wood ... By jamie I chose this book over the other medieval furniture making books because it was reviewed better and seemed to contain all of the medieval wood working projects. I made the right choice. I love this book!

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